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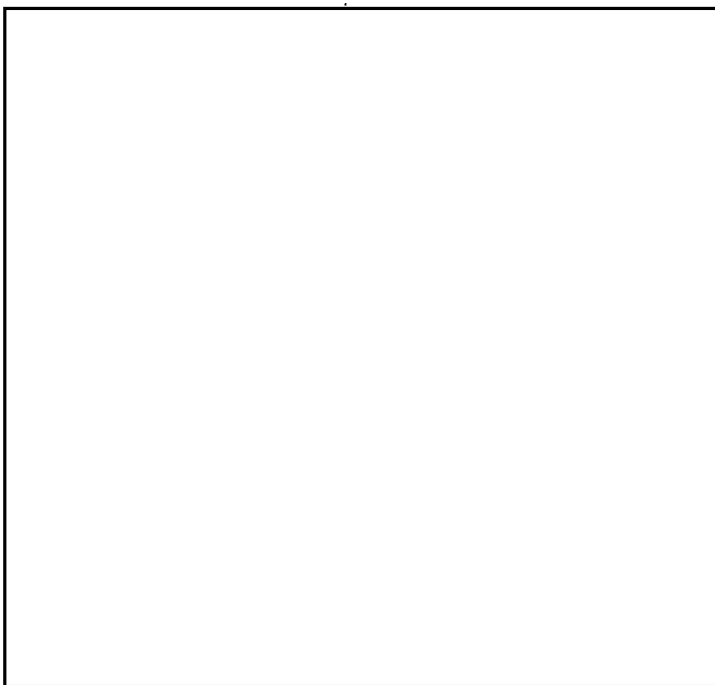
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27 MAY 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Operational Mission
Preparation

1. The [REDACTED] working group convened on 23 May 1969 and progress on remaining action items from previous meetings was discussed with the following in attendance:



2. No new action items or problem areas were identified. There were no changes made to current planning data based on latest intelligence developments.

3. [REDACTED] reported on his recent trip to [REDACTED] and that the unit was operationally ready 19 May 1969.

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4. A summary of remaining items upon which action is necessary prior to an operational mission is as follows:

a. Receipt of an approved mission requirement. Status - Awaiting USIB action at a meeting scheduled 29 May 1969. In the meantime, D/O/OSA preparation of the black book proposal continues. In the event a formally stated USIB requirement does not materialize, OSA will state the requirement as it sees it and have the book ready for submission the week of 2 June 1969.

b. Installation of the [redacted]

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[redacted] This item. While not critical to the U-2 mission, is considered highly desirable because it provides redundant and other important collection capabilities. Status - [redacted] who is to install this equipment is temporarily delayed by the lack of a security clearance into the site. [redacted] OEL, stated that they expect [redacted] clearance momentarily.

c. Modification of the U-2R nose mounted System 17B with redundant L and S band receivers and/or installation of a [redacted] receiver/recorder in the U-2R Q-bay. D/M/OSA investigation continues on this item to determine which of the two approaches or if both provide the best overall collection capability. While the present System 17B configuration is adequate for the [redacted] mission, these improved and/or additional installations should enhance mission success by providing an improved and redundant collection capability.

5. The committee agreed that the operational mission preparation phase was for all practical purposes completed with only those items listed in paragraph 4 above outstanding. Therefore, it was unanimously decided to discontinue meetings on a weekly basis. IDEA/OSA will continue to monitor outstanding action items and coordinate new developments with other appropriate staffs. Future meetings of this committee will be organized on an as required basis when the need arises.

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IDEA/OSA/ [redacted] (27 May 1969)
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